

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Lakwa WH	Assam	State	37.2	37.2
8.	Dimapur DG	Nagaland	State	23	23
TOTAL:				4284.2	4295.2

The capacity addition from the aforementioned projects will facilitate in meeting the power requirement of North-Eastern Region including Assam.

(c) and (d) As per the Electricity Act, 2003, the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERCs) have the powers to fix tariff for sale of electricity of various categories of consumers in their State. The uniform tariff has not been envisaged in the Electricity Act, 2003.

Work of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station

1287. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC has not initiated any move to get the work started of the 750 MW Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, the reasons for not commencing work for the power Station; and

(c) the present status of the Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply above.

(c) Pre-feasibility report for Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project (BgTPP) was prepared in December, 2005 for setting up a new 500 MW (2x250 MW) coal based power station in Kokrajhar district of Assam at the existing site of Assam State Electricity Board's BgTPP using Assam coal. Subsequently, NTPC Ltd. revised the project configuration of BgTPP from 2x250 MW to 3x250 MW capacity to avail Mega power project benefits in order to reduce the project cost.

Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) of Ministry of Coal in its meeting held on 11.05.2006 accorded coal linkage of 1.65 MTPA from Makum Coalfields of North Eastern Coalfields Ltd., (NRCL) for 2 units of 250 MW each. Ministry of Coal confirmed on 21.08.2006 that coal for 3rd unit of 250 MW would be made available from Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) Coal mines and the formal linkage confirmation from SLC (LT) for

3rd unit is awaited from Ministry of Coal. Key site specific studies/ investigations for the project have been completed and Feasibility Report for Bg TPP (3x250 MW) has been finalized in September, 2006.

Power projects in Meghalaya and Assam

1288. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to set up three power projects in Meghalaya and one at Margherita in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received opinion of the State Government of Assam on the proposed coal based thermal power project at Margherita; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd., a Govt. of India Undertaking under the Ministry of Power, has proposed to set up Mawhu Hydro Electric Project (120 MW), Kynshi Hydro Electric Project (450 MW), West Khasi Hills Thermal Power Project (240 MW) and Garo hills Thermal Power Project (720 MW) in Meghalaya and Margherita Thermal Power Project (480 MW) in Assam.

It has been informed by NEEPCO that so far the State Government of Meghalaya has given its consent for the Mawhu Hydro Electric Project (120 MW) and 'in principle' agreement for the West Khasi Hills Thermal Project (240 MW).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Closure of Dabhol Power Project

1289. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is every chance that Dabhol Power Project may be closed due to decrease in Naphtha stock;